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Laos: Mutual charges of truce violations by opposing forces are contributing to the uncertain situation in the Plaine des Jarres area.

Troop dispositions appear little changed, however, except for the withdrawal of a neutralist mixed tank and infantry unit from points midway on the road between Xieng Khouang town and the Plaine des Jarres airfield.

25X1 [] The projected stationing of ICC teams at various points in the Plaine des Jarres area is still pending. The Pathet Lao have agreed only to study the matter.

On 16 April, Peiping raised the possibility of renewed civil war if US "intervention" continues--a warning note Hanoi had sounded the previous day. The Chinese called for immediate action by the Geneva Conference co-chairmen to check US "aggression." Peiping declared that if the situation in Laos continues to "deteriorate," a new meeting of the Geneva powers should be considered. []

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Cuba:

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A fully qualified MIG-15 or -17 jet fighter pilot could be trained to fly a MIG-21 in about five weeks, and in a four-month course he could achieve limited combat effectiveness.

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UN - Portugal - Senegal: (The Afro-Asian bloc is likely to push for strong condemnation of Portugal's entire colonial policy at today's UN Security Council meeting called to discuss alleged Portuguese violations of Senegalese territory.)

(Afro-Asian members of the UN Decolonization Committee--incensed at Lisbon's 1 April refusal to accept the committee's proposals regarding Portuguese African territories--recommended that the Security Council impose sanctions on Portugal. They are now likely to exert pressure on the African members of the council as well as the USSR to use Senegal's complaint as a means of bringing Portugal before the council to answer broader charges against its colonial policy.)

(Portugal has categorically denied that planes from its African territories bombed the Senegalese village of Bouniak in early April. Senegal is willing to settle for a moderate resolution calling on Portugal to respect its territorial integrity, but it would probably yield to African pressure to broaden the scope of its complaint. In any event, Portugal's allies will have difficulty in moderating council debate, and France and the UK may find it necessary to resort to the veto to prevent a resolution condemning Portugal and calling for sanctions.)

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NOTES

25X1 [] Indonesia - Portuguese Timor: A "liberation movement" allegedly has been launched in Portuguese Timor, and a press release ascribed to the movement was issued in Djakarta on 14 April. Both the Indonesian Government and the Indonesian Communist Party have separately planned ways to achieve the territory's independence. Both have intensified planning during the past eight months, and either could be behind the reported development. []

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25X1 Bulgaria: The current situation in the Bulgarian party is one of unorganized political discontent, []

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25X1 [] Serious internal disturbances within the USSR would probably lead to the emergence of an effective organized opposition in the Bulgarian party, either from Stalinists or from elements which favor the less orthodox approaches of Gomulka or Tito. []

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[] First Secretary Zhivkov generally is not respected within the Bulgarian party, and rules only because he has Khrushchev's backing and is subservient to the Soviet leadership. []

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